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VETERANS DAY AT THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR

PIERRE, S.D. – At the request of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, as Veterans Day at the South Dakota State Fair, calling on all South Dakotans to honor those men and women who fought bravely for our freedoms.

At 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 29, the South Dakota State Fair will host a “Salute to Veterans” program. The program will be held on the Northwest Energy Freedom Stage (Recreation Avenue). The program will include remarks from Gov. Dennis Daugaard and a keynote speech delivered by Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.

“Whether you are a veteran or currently serving, South Dakota wants to thank you and your family for the sacrifices you have made for this country and the citizens of South Dakota,” said Gov. Daugaard.

“This day is a special day to recognize the sacrifices and successes of those who have served in the Armed Forces, both past and present,” said Secretary Zimmerman. “This is a wonderful opportunity to say thank you for serving to a group of veterans who have not heard it often enough over the years.”

Representatives from the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, the veterans service organizations and the county and tribal veterans service officers will have an informational booth in the Veterans Building on Flag Avenue. This booth will be staffed throughout the span of the fair and will give veterans an opportunity to talk to experts about benefits and programs available to them.